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Gingerbread House Contest New This Year at Canal Winchester's Christmas in the Village Celebration

CANAL WINCHESTER– Canal Winchester hopes residents will see visions of sugar plums dancing in front of them when they view entries for the village's first-ever gingerbread house contest. All gingerbread houses will be on display in the front room of the village's administration building at 36 S. High Street during Canal Winchester's annual Christmas in the Village Celebration. Details for the contest are as follows:

- All gingerbread houses must be homemade.
- Entries should be dropped off at 36 S. High Street between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday, November 30.
- Entries will be divided into two categories – one for adults (ages 13 and older) and one for children (ages 12 and under)
- Judging will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 1.
- Entrants who wish to keep their gingerbread house should pick them up between 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. on December 1, or between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 3.

Local restaurateurs, Butch Zurbriggen from Butch's Italian Café and Kim Eccard from Cool Cravings, will judge this year's entries. All participants will be awarded a certificate by the judges.

"Christmas in the Village has been gaining in popularity each year," said Jeff Miller, Canal Winchester's Mayor. "Over 1,000 people attended the two-day celebration last year and we hope that by adding new activities such as the gingerbread house contest we will continue to attract more and more residents and visitors to our downtown."

In addition to the gingerbread house contest, Christmas in the Village will feature many other activities including:

- Santa parade on Friday (Gender Road Fire Station to Dietz Drive to Washington Street to Columbus Street to High Street) and Saturday (High Street to Washington Street to Ashbrook Village and back to High Street)
- Tree lighting ceremony featuring the Canal Winchester High School Choir on Friday and the World Harvest Church Choir on Saturday
- Horse drawn carriage rides
- Photos with Santa (photos to be taken by Labor Day Queen and her court)

- Antique tractor hay rides
- Ice sculptors
- Chestnuts roasting on a fire
- Model train display
- Children's crafts
- Children's carnival games
- Business bazaar
- Roving carolers

For more information about the gingerbread house contest or Christmas in the Village, please contact Carrie Hoover, Community Affairs Director for the Village of Canal Winchester, at 614-834-9727 or choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov.

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